

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 2, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 18 with prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please AMEND claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 12, and 17, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus having a plurality of operation modes including a first mode for outputting image data read by image reading means and a second mode for outputting print data received from ~~[[the]]~~ outside of the image processing apparatus, the image processing apparatus comprising:

specifying means for specifying an operator, the operator being one of a user and a department that uses the image processing apparatus;

timing means for timing an operation time for each of the plurality of operation modes and an operation time for the specified operator during operation of the image processing apparatus;

memory means for storing a power consumption amount per unit time for said each of the plurality of operation mode modes and operation time data for said each operation mode, wherein the operation time data is counted during operation of the image processing apparatus;

calculation means for calculating a power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus for the specified operator based on the power consumption amount per unit time stored by said memory means and the operation times timed by said timing means;

preparation means for preparing ~~statistic~~ statistical information concerning ~~[[a]]~~
~~the~~ power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus ~~based on the power~~
~~consumption amount per unit time and the operation time data for said each operation mode~~
calculated by said calculation means; and

output means for performing an output of the ~~prepared statistic~~ statistical
information ~~concerning power consumption~~ prepared by said preparation means.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim ~~[[2]]~~
1, further comprising management means for managing user identification information by
associating the user identification information with ~~timing value~~ the operation times timed by
said timing means,

wherein said preparation means prepares ~~the~~ the statistic information based on the
timed ~~value~~ operation times, the power consumption amount per unit time for ~~said each of the~~
plurality of operation mode modes, and the user identification information.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said output means sends the prepared ~~statistic~~ statistical information
concerning power consumption to a terminal apparatus external to the image processing
apparatus as a markup language.

6. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first mode is a copy mode and the second mode is a printer mode.

7. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said output means outputs the prepared ~~statistic~~ statistical information concerning power consumption to a display unit during designated processing for designating the operation mode or during execution of the operation mode.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an information processing apparatus capable of communicating with the image processing apparatus.

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An information output method for outputting information concerning power consumption in an image processing apparatus having a plurality of operation modes including a first mode for outputting image data read by image reading means and a second mode for outputting print data received from ~~[[the]]~~ outside of the image processing apparatus, the information output method comprising the steps of:

reading out operation time data for said each operation mode and operation time data for an operator, the operator being one of a user and a department that uses the image processing apparatus;

reading out [[a]] power consumption amount per unit time data for said each of the plurality of operation mode modes and operation time data for said each operation mode,
wherein the operation time data is counted during operation of the image processing apparatus;
calculating a power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus for the operator based on the power consumption amount per unit time data and the operation time data;

preparing statistic statistical information concerning [[a]] the power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus based on the read out power consumption amount per unit time data for said each operation mode and the read out operation time data for said each operation mode; and

performing an output of the ~~prepared statistic~~ statistical information concerning power consumption.

13-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium having stored therein a program which is executed by an information processing apparatus for outputting information concerning power consumption in an image processing apparatus having a plurality of operation modes including a first mode for outputting image data read by image reading

means and a second mode for outputting print data received from [[the]] outside of the image processing apparatus, the program comprising the steps of:

reading out operation time data for said each operation mode and operation time data for an operator, the operator being one of a user and a department that uses the image processing apparatus;

reading out a power consumption amount per unit time data for said each of the plurality of operation mode modes and operation time data for said each operation mode, wherein the operation time data is counted during operation of the image processing apparatus;

calculating a power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus for the operator based on the power consumption amount per unit time data and the operation time data;

preparing statistic statistical information concerning [[a]] the power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus based on the read out power consumption amount per unit time data for each operation mode and the read out operation time data for each operation mode; and

performing an output of the prepared statistic statistical information concerning power consumption.

18. (Cancelled)